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Dear Mr. Ali,

Howard Roffman has written me of his efforts to interest you in my investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and in my book on it, FRAME-UP, to appear in a few weeks.

Since then I have been in Memphis, where I interviewed a number of important witnesses, in most cases on tape, and discovered rather sensational evidence that is suppressed.

In the past I have sought to interest a number of prominent black leaders and a rather large number of those who basked in the friendship of the victim. To date, no single one has responded, no single one would lift a finger to in any way help us learn who really did kill this great man and at whose behest. I so wish I had back this time I wasted so I could spend it in further work!

As with John Kennedy, no one of whose "friends" had any interest in who killed him or why, no one of those made important by the touch of his greatness would even answer a letter, so also do I think that with Dr. King history may record that among the many unnecessary tragedies in the wake of the great one, one of the more painful was the total unwillingness of any one friend to be a man and to think, act and speak with manliness.

When you have recaptured, hopefully, that of which you have been robbed, I hope you will have the time and the disposition to be the exception. I would like you to read this book, hear these tapes, see what I have - and then find the courage and the manhood others have not.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg